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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Art Unit: 1774 (Examiner Dixon, Merrick)
Applicant: Roth, Douglas
Serial No: 09/930,515
Filed: August 15, 2001
Title: NONWOVEN BLEND WITH ELECTRET FIBER

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January 9, 2004

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003 concerning the above identified application, kindly consider the following remarks:

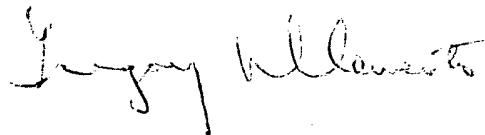
REMARKS

A Notice of Abandonment was received in the above-identified application for "failing to respond to the June 16, 2003 Office Action". According to our records, this Office Action was actually dated June 19, 2003.

The Office Action dated June 19, 2003 (copy attached) was responded to on September 15, 2003. Copies of the Response as well as dated postcard receipt are also enclosed. Accordingly applicant properly and timely responded to the Office Action of June 19, and therefore the Notice of Abandonment is premature.

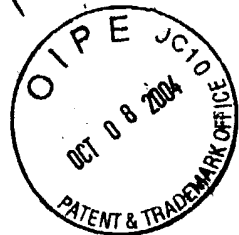
In view of this information, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be rescinded, and it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,



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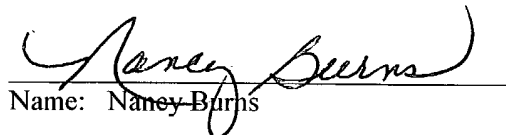
Copy of Transmittal Form SB21 dated 9/15/2003
Copy of Response/Amendment dated 9/15/2003 – 7 pages
Copy of Return Receipt Postcard (date stamped 9/17/2003)

Copy of Transmittal Form SB21 dated 1/9/2004
Copy of Response to Notice of Abandonment dated 1/9/2004
Copy of Cover Sheet from Office Action – date mailed 06/19/2003
Copy of Return Receipt Postcard (date stamped 1/12/2004)

Transmittal Form SB21 dated 10/8/2004
Remarks/Response dated 10/8/2004
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I, Nancy Burns, do hereby certify that the foregoing or attached documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 8, 2004.


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